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Re: U.S. Patent Application 09/938,957
Process for the Production of Multi-Layer Security . . .
Our Ref.: BDR 20.411 (021440-89777)

Dear Examiner Chevalier:

This will confirm our telephone interview at 10.30 AM on January 11, 2004. In preparation for such interview, please consider the following:

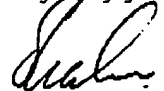
Typically when making security documents, additional layers of the security documents are laminated onto a carrier material. During lamination the additional layers are connected using pressure and heat. This causes the additional layer being laminated to soften.

In contrast, during extrusion an additional layer is coated on the carrier material by applying a melt of the additional layer to the carrier material. Thus, the connection of the carrier material and the additional layer is stronger and more secure against counterfeiting than the connection of laminating layers.

Depending on the type of carrier material that is being sued, the melt even partly penetrates into the carrier material. Therein, providing even greater bonding strength.

Thus, it is believed that the claimed invention is fundamentally different from the teaching of cited references. In view of the above, Applicant welcomes any proposed claim amendments from the Examiner to further prosecution of the present invention.

Very truly yours,


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